Per Capita consumption of milk

4089. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability and consumption of milk in various states and in the country as a whole at present:

(b) whether it is a fact that operation flood programme is under implementation in various states of the country;

(c) if so, the progress made under the programme state-wise so far; and

(d) how far the implementation of the programme has improved the availability of milk State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A Statement indicating the per capita availability/consumption of milk in various States and in the country as a whole during 1980-81 and 1990-91 is given at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 83]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement indicating state-wisd progress of key components of Opera tion Flood Programme as on 31st Decem-ber 1991 is given at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 84].

(d) No separate data of actual milk production under Operation Flood areas, is available. However, the per capita availability of milk has generally im proved as is evident from the statement at Annexure-I.

Geqe-sanctnary from orchids in Sikkim

4090. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: WiU the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orchids continue to be endangered species in the country and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to halt this danger; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a gene-sanctuary for Orchids in Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, 50 species of orchids are either extinct or endangered. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already established an orchid sanctuary at Kalimpong (W.B.) under the All-India Coordinated Floriculture Improvement Project where orchids are conserved under natural conditions.

(b) No.

Paddy Research |Centoje

4091. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to set up a Paddy Research centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it Is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Sir, Government of Assam has requested the Government of India to open a branch of the Central Rice Research Institute in Assam. Government of India has not yet taken a final decision on this request.

Veterinary Scientists

4092. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the veter-nary scientists who are engaged in teaching and research in Research institutes under the I.C.A.R. were sanctioned Non-Practising Allowance at par with the M.B.B.S. Doctors Vide Indian Council' of Agricultural Research, New Delhi O.M. No. F-24(l)/86-ODN (A & A) dated the 26th August, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the following Research Institutes under the